

Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See page 1423 of the Legislative Journal.) 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 572 passes. LB 581.

CLERK: (Read LB 581 on Final Reading.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB 581 pass? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 1423-24 of the Legislative Journal.) 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, 3 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 581 passes. LB 587E.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk. Senator Withem would move to return 587 to Select File for a specific amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members, I apologize for doing this on Final Reading. I was gone and it's time that this bill advance from Select File onto to Final Reading. This should have been done on Select File. It is primarily clarification amendment. This bill dealt with the provisions of changing the Sanitary and Improvement District types of elections from those where the election commissioners would have to hire full staffs, open the polls, go to the large expense of operating these elections as if they were regular elections. This allows them to do it on a mail process. SIDs are quasi government, quasi corporation. The participation in those elections, historically, has been quite slight. This is an attempt to get more people involved in the election procedure without the need of going to the election procedures of having...setting up the different polling places. What this amendment does is strike some of the nonessential language that is irrelevant anymore, talking about the establishment of the polling places and those other concerns. It also indicates...strikes the language "may choose" and inserts